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BOROUGH OF PRESTWICH



REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

Chief Public Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR **1972**





PANORAMIC VIEW OF PRESTWICH FROM BUTTERSTILE LANE LOOKING TOWARDS BURY.

BOROUGH OF PRESTWICH

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Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
PRESTWICH.
August 1973.

TO THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1972 on the health and environmental conditions of the district.

The population of Prestwich again increased, due to more births and new residents coming to live in the area.

As is to be expected in the type of population in Prestwich, the number of deaths increased in 1972 but the rate per 1,000 was comparable with the national average. The number of infant deaths remained fairly constant with only five during the year and I am pleased to report that again no maternal deaths occurred. This is a reflection on the care given by both domiciliary and hospital services to expectant mothers. The main causes of death are given in the table on page 5.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that out of a total of 551 deaths 151 took place in Prestwich Hospital, tending to give Prestwich a higher death rate than would otherwise be expected, since only 400 deaths occurred outside the hospital.

Deaths from malignant diseases were 91 of which 23 were due to cancer of the bronchus. This occurred $3\frac{1}{2}$ times more frequently in men than in women. Deaths due to heart disease of various kinds were 199, to cerebral vascular disease 82, and to respiratory disease 91.

On 1 April 1972 the responsibility for the welfare of the aged, physically and mentally handicapped, the blind, the deaf and mentally ill, were transferred from the Health Department to the new Social Services Department. Despite this transfer many problems were still referred to the Health Department which were then redirected to the new Social Services Department. In the nine months they were working many problems did arise due to lack of staff and lack of experience, but I am quite sure that given sufficient time all these will be sorted out and the new department will be as efficient as it was in the past.

As far as infectious disease was concerned, the main cause was again measles. As in 1971 there were three cases of pulmonary tuberculosis.

May I take this opportunity of thanking the Council and the Health Committee in particular for their support during my term of office as Medical Officer of Health and trust that even when the reorganisation is completed I will still have the confidence and support of members of the new authorities.

I should also like to express my sincere thanks to the officers and staff for their valued support and co-operation during the year and also in the preparation and layout of this report.

Yours sincerely,

T.S.JONES,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Area: 2,420 acres

Population: Registrar-General's estimate of home population:
Mid-1972 33,460
1961 census 34,191

Number of inhabited dwellings according to rate books at end of 1972: 11,291
Comprising 11,060 dwellinghouses
205 shops with living accommodation
26 public houses

Rateable value 1972/73: £1,198,989
Sum represented by £11,351
a penny rate:

Social conditions are generally good, the area is mainly residential and the chief industries are bleaching, dyeing and finishing, and the manufacture of soap and toilet requisites.

VITAL STATISTICS

| <u>Live births</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>M.</u> | <u>F.</u> | <u>Birth rate per 1000</u> <u>home pop'n mid 1972</u> | <u>Prestwich</u> | <u>Comparable</u> <u>figures for</u> <u>England and</u> <u>Wales</u> |
|---|--------------|-----------|-----------|--|------------------|---|
| Legitimate | 344 | 171 | 173 | Crude | 11.4 | |
| Illegitimate | 37 | 20 | 17 | Adjusted..... | 12.00 | 14.8 |
| <u>Stillbirths</u> | | | | <u>Rate per 1000</u> <u>total births</u> | 8.0 | 12.0 |
| Legitimate | 3 | 3 | - | | | |
| Illegitimate | - | - | - | | | |
| <u>Deaths</u> | 551 | 247 | 304 | <u>Death rate per</u> <u>1000 estimated</u> <u>home pop'n</u> <u>mid 1972</u> | | |
| | | | | Crude | 16.5 | |
| | | | | Adjusted | 11.9 | 12.1 |
| <u>Heart and</u> <u>circulatory</u> <u>diseases</u> | | | | <u>Death rate per</u> <u>1000 estimated</u> <u>home pop'n</u> <u>mid 1972</u> | 8.39 | |
| <u>Malignant</u> <u>neoplasms, etc.</u> | | | | do. | 2.71 | |
| <u>Pneumonia and</u> <u>bronchitis</u> | | | | do. | 2.30 | |

When a death occurs in Prestwich Hospital it is, if the patient has been in hospital for six months or more, assigned to Prestwich instead of being transferred to the area of the patient's home address. In consequence the total deaths and the mortality rates for the Prestwich area are correspondingly higher.

Prestwich residents

Estimated population 33,460 less Prestwich Hospital residents (1656 approx.)
= 31,804

Mortality rates per 1,000 estimated population:

Total deaths (all forms)400 (377 in 1971)
Crude 11.95 (11.88 in 1971), adjusted 9.17.(9.15 in 1971)

"Adjusted" means corrected to a standard population for the purpose of comparison with other districts.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS

1899 - 1972

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Estimated population</u> | <u>Birth rate</u> | <u>Death rate</u> | <u>Rate of deaths of infants under 1 year per 1000 live births</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| 1899 | 11,085 | 18.8 | 14.9 | 138.7 |
| 1900 | 11,500 | 20.5 | 12.9 | 84.7 |
| 1908 | 11,500 | 21.5 | 13.3 | 72.5 |
| 1910 | 12,500 | 20.8 | 10.4 | 89.2 |
| 1911 | 14,260 | 20.4 | 12.0 | 133.5 |
| 1912 | 14,680 | 21.3 | 11.9 | 73.7 |
| 1913 | 15,000 | 22.0 | 11.8 | 48.4 |
| 1914 | 15,400 | 19.2 | 11.6 | 63.3 |
| 1918 | 15,380 | 11.6 | 14.9 | 59.0 |
| 1919 | 15,330 | 13.4 | 14.4 | 60.0 |
| 1920 | 15,941 | 18.8 | 11.6 | 69.0 |
| 1924 | 19,450 | 13.7 | 8.3 | 37.0 |
| 1925 | 19,610 | 12.2 | 9.6 | 66.0 |
| 1926 | 20,520 | 11.9 | 8.7 | 48.0 |
| 1927 | 21,120 | 12.7 | 10.9 | 52.0 |
| 1928 | 21,670 | 12.3 | 9.1 | 48.0 |
| 1929 | 21,590 | 11.3 | 10.5 | 59.0 |
| 1932 | 24,940 | 11.0 | 9.9 | 65.0 |
| 1933 | 26,100 | 10.7 | 9.6 | 42.0 |
| 1934 | 27,180 | 11.7 | 9.7 | 62.0 |
| 1935 | 29,120 | 11.4 | 10.0 | 54.0 |
| 1936 | 30,500 | 12.7 | 10.6 | 33.0 |
| 1937 | 31,710 | 14.4 | 10.1 | 56.0 |
| 1938 | 32,410 | 12.4 | 9.7 | 42.0 |
| 1939 | 32,410 | 11.4 | 10.1 | 26.0 |
| 1940 | 33,760 | 12.0 | 11.0 | 14.0 |
| 1941 | 33,910 | 10.8 | 10.1 | 38.0 |
| 1942 | 33,270 | 12.0 | 11.6 | 34.0 |
| 1943 | 32,380 | 14.6 | 11.2 | 42.0 |
| 1944 | 32,340 | 15.7 | 12.1 | 37.0 |
| 1945 | 32,400 | 15.6 | 10.5 | 39.0 |
| 1946 | 34,130 | 15.9 | 10.7 | 34.0 |
| 1947 | 34,220 | 17.3 | 11.3 | 48.0 |
| 1948 | 34,760 | 14.3 | 9.8 | 40.0 |
| 1949 | 34,730 | 12.5 | 10.9 | 23.0 |
| 1950 | 34,730 | 14.1 | 10.6 | 38.0 |
| 1951 | 34,370 | 13.8 | 12.7 | 21.0 |
| 1952 | 34,090 | 13.5 | 10.5 | 19.0 |
| 1953 | 34,120 | 13.2 | 14.0 | 24.0 |
| 1954 | 33,830 | 13.1 | 13.0 | 10.0 |
| 1955 | 33,810 | 12.6 | 14.5 | 20.0 |
| 1956 | 33,750 | 13.0 | 12.5 | 19.0 |
| 1957 | 33,640 | 14.5 | 12.1 | 28.0 |
| 1958 | 33,550 | 14.7 | 12.1 | 18.3 |
| 1959 | 33,510 | 15.4 | 13.5 | 6.6 |
| 1960 | 33,390 | 15.1 | 13.2 | 17.9 |
| 1961 | 34,000 | 14.0 | 13.0 | 9.5 |
| 1962 | 34,162 | 15.5 | 13.0 | 17.0 |
| 1963 | 34,160 | 14.5 | 12.1 | 8.7 |
| 1964 | 34,010 | 15.1 | 11.3 | 18.8 |
| 1965 | 34,000 | 13.8 | 11.6 | 9.1 |
| 1966 | 33,710 | 13.9 | 11.7 | 13.7 |
| 1967 | 33,480 | 13.6 | 11.0 | 17.0 |
| 1968 | 33,310 | 13.7 | 12.5 | 14.0 |
| 1969 | 33,060 | 13.3 | 12.9 | 19.0 |
| 1970 | 32,660 | 12.4 | 13.5 | 24.0 |
| 1971 | 32,838 | 11.2 | 12.1 | 18.0 |
| 1972 | 33,460 | 12.0 | 11.9 | 18.0 |

| | Live births | | Deaths (all causes) | | Stillbirths | | Maternal mortality | | Under 1 year Total | | Infant mortality | | |
|---|--------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| | No. regd. | Rate per 1000 popn. | No. regd. | Rate per 1000 popn. | No. regd. | Rate per 1000 births | No.of deaths regd. | Rate per 1000 total bths. | No.of deaths regd. | Rate per 1000 live births | No.of deaths regd. | Rate per 1000 live bths. | Rate per 1000 total live and stillbirths |
| Prestwich M.B. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Year 1972 | 381 | 12.0 | 551 | 11.9 | 3 | 8.0 | Nil | Nil | 7 | 17.0 | 5 | 13.0 | 16.0 |
| 1971 | 351 | 10.5* | 522 | 15.7* | 5 | 14.0 | Nil | Nil | 6 | 17.0 | 4 | 11.0 | 25.0 |
| 1970 | 380 | 11.6* | 573 | 17.5* | 4 | 10.0 | Nil | Nil | 9 | 24.0 | 7 | 18.0 | 29.0 |
| 1969 | 411 | 12.4* | 561 | 17.0* | 7 | 17.0 | Nil | Nil | 8 | 19.0 | 5 | 12.0 | 26.0 |
| 1968 | 426 | 12.8* | 532 | 16.0* | 4 | 9.0 | 1 | 2.33 | 6 | 14.0 | 4 | 9.8 | 19.0 |
| 1967 | 424 | 12.7* | 491 | 14.7* | 7 | 16.0 | Nil | Nil | 7 | 17.0 | 7 | 17.0 | 32.0 |
| Average 5 years 1967-71 | | 12.0 | | 16.2 | | 13.2 | | 0.47 | | 20.2 | | 13.5 | 26.2 |
| Comparable figures England & Wales 1972 | | 14.8 | | 12.1 | | 12.0 | | 0.19 | | 17.0 | | 12.0 | 22.0 |

*Adjusted (live birth rate comparability factor = 1.07 = 11.2 per 1000
(death rate comparability factor = 0.77 = 12.1 per 1000

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1972

| <u>Cause of death</u> | | | | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------------|--|---|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. | Measles | - | | - | 1 | 1 |
| 2. | Other infective and parasitic diseases | | | - | 1 | 1 |
| 3. | Malignant neoplasms - oesophagus | | | - | 4 | 4 |
| 4. | " " - stomach | | | 9 | 6 | 15 |
| 5. | " " - intestine | | | 3 | 8 | 11 |
| 6. | " " - larynx | | | 1 | - | 1 |
| 7. | " " - lung, bronchus | | | 18 | 5 | 23 |
| 8. | " " - breast | | | 1 | 7 | 8 |
| 9. | " " - uterus | | | - | 1 | 1 |
| 10. | Leukaemia | | | 1 | - | 1 |
| 11. | Other malignant neoplasms | | | 13 | 14 | 27 |
| 12. | Diabetes mellitus | | | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| 13. | Other endocrine, etc. diseases | | | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 14. | Anaemias | | | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 15. | Other diseases of the blood | | | - | 1 | 1 |
| 16. | Mental disorders | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 17. | Meningitis | | | 2 | - | 2 |
| 18. | Multiple sclerosis | | | 1 | - | 1 |
| 19. | Other diseases of nervous system | | | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| 20. | Chronic rheumatic heart diseases | | | 1 | 6 | 7 |
| 21. | Hypertensive diseases | | | 7 | 8 | 15 |
| 22. | Ischaemic heart diseases | | | 68 | 83 | 151 |
| 23. | Other forms of heart disease | | | 8 | 18 | 26 |
| 24. | Cerebrovascular disease | | | 23 | 32 | 55 |
| 25. | Other diseases of circulatory system | | | 12 | 15 | 27 |
| 26. | Influenza | | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 27. | Pneumonia | | | 20 | 32 | 52 |
| 28. | Bronchitis and emphysema | | | 17 | 8 | 25 |
| 29. | Asthma | | | 2 | - | 2 |
| 30. | Other diseases of respiratory system | | | 6 | 4 | 10 |
| 31. | Peptic ulcer | | | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 32. | Appendicitis | | | - | 1 | 1 |
| 33. | Intestinal obstruction and hernia | | | - | 2 | 2 |
| 34. | Cirrhosis of liver | | | - | 1 | 1 |
| 35. | Other diseases of digestive system | | | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| 36. | Nephritis and nephrosis | | | 2 | - | 2 |
| 37. | Hyperplasia of prostate | | | 2 | - | 2 |
| 38. | Other diseases, genito-urinary system | | | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| 39. | Diseases of skin, subcutaneous tissue | | | - | 1 | 1 |
| 40. | Diseases of musculo-skeletal system | | | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| 41. | Congenital anomalies | | | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 42. | Birth injury, difficult labour, etc. | | | - | 1 | 1 |
| 43. | Symptoms and ill-defined conditions | | | - | 6 | 6 |
| 44. | Motor vehicle accidents | | | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| 45. | All other accidents | | | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| 46. | Suicides and self-inflicted injuries | | | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| 47. | All other external causes | | | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| | | | | <u>247</u> | <u>304</u> | <u>551</u> |

The above table includes 151 deaths (60 males and 91 females) which occurred in Prestwich Hospital.

Deaths at all ages

| <u>Age at death</u> | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Under 4 weeks | 3 | 2 |
| 4 weeks and under 1 year | 2 | - |
| 1 - | - | - |
| 5 - | - | 3 |
| 15 - | 1 | - |
| 25 - | 2 | - |
| 35 - | 8 | 2 |
| 45 - | 19 | 15 |
| 55 - | 52 | 33 |
| 65 - | 67 | 82 |
| 75 and over | 93 | 167 |
| | <u>247</u> | <u>304</u> |

Causes of deaths of infants under one year

| | <u>Male/female</u> | <u>Age</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Pulmonary hypoplasia - renal agenesis | Male | 1 day |
| Respiratory distress | Female | 1 day |
| Multiple congenital abnormalities | Female | 6 days |
| Meningo myelocoele | Male | 1 week |
| Proteus meningitis and septicaemia | Male | 2 weeks |
| Septicaemia | Male | 7 weeks |
| Volvulous of the bowel | Male | 6 months |

SECTION B. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

The Lancashire County Council, under the National Health Service Act, is the responsible authority for the provision and maintenance of local health services such as child health and the health service.

The ambulance, district nursing, midwifery and health visiting services are administered under the Divisional Health Service scheme by the Divisional Health Committee No.12 from headquarters at Bury.

Hospital facilities are provided and maintained through the Regional Hospital Board and Hospital Management Committee. Patients are admitted without regard to local authority boundaries.

The Borough Council is responsible for the provision of the remainder of local health services and the whole of those matters likely to affect or be concerned with the maintenance of high standards of environmental health. These services include -

- Control of infectious disease (including food poisoning)
- Provision of suitable water supplies
- Control of food and food preparing premises (including the sampling of milk, ice-cream and other foodstuffs for bacteriological examination)
- Provision of sanitary accommodation to houses, factories, shops and other premises, and the provision of public sanitary conveniences
- Inspection of houses with regard to fitness for human habitation and improvements
- Detection and prevention of nuisances
- Prevention of atmospheric pollution
- Control of rat, mouse and insect infestations
- Control of cleansing, disposal of refuse and sewage

The examination of milk, water, ice-cream and samples of other foods, and the examination of pathological specimens is undertaken without charge to the Borough by the Public Health Laboratory Service at the Public Health Laboratory, Withington, Manchester.

SECTION C. PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The infectious disease notifications for 1972 showed an increase on those for 1971 (125 against 110) and this was mainly due to an increase in the number of notifications of measles, the comparable figure being 106 against 80. There were nil notifications of whooping cough against 8 in 1971.

There were 3 cases of respiratory tuberculosis notified during the year and 2 transfers. There was a total of 41 cases on the register at the end of the year, 4 of which were in Prestwich Hospital.

Cases of infectious disease notified during 1972.

| Notifiable diseases | Total cases at all ages | 0- | 1- | 2- | 3- | 4- | 5- | 10- | 15- | 25- | 45- | 65 & over | Total deaths |
|--|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|--------------|
| Scarlet fever | 3 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | - |
| Whooping cough | Nil | | | | | | | | | | | | - |
| Measles | 106 | 6 | 10 | 14 | 17 | 14 | 42 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 1 |
| Dysentery | 10 | 1 | | 2 | | | 5 | 1 | | 1 | | | - |
| Acute pneumonia primary and influenzal | Nil | | | | | | | | | | | | - |
| Typhoid fever | Nil | | | | | | | | | | | | - |
| Erysipelas | Nil | | | | | | | | | | | | - |
| Food poisoning | 2 | | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | - |
| Tuberculosis respiratory | 3 | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | - |
| Others | | | | | | | | | | | | | - |
| Puerperal pyrexia | Nil | | | | | | | | | | | | - |
| Infective jaundice | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | - |
| Meningococcal infections | - | | | | | | | | | | | | - |
| Acute post-infectious encephalitis | Nil | | | | | | | | | | | | - |
| Opthalmia neonatorum | Nil | | | | | | | | | | | | - |
| Totals | 125 | 7 | 11 | 16 | 18 | 16 | 47 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 |

Vaccination and immunisation of children for the year 1972

Under the auspices of the Lancashire County Council vaccinations and immunisations against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles and smallpox were carried out in the district during the year. Details are appended below.

Primary - by year of birth

| <u>Children protected against</u> | <u>1972*</u> | <u>1971</u> | <u>1970</u> | <u>1969</u> | <u>1965 to 1968</u> | <u>Others under 16</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Diphtheria | Nil | 166 | 75 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 259 |
| Whooping cough | Nil | 166 | 75 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 259 |
| Tetanus | Nil | 166 | 75 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 260 |
| Poliomyelitis | Nil | 157 | 68 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 241 |
| Measles | Nil | 75 | 90 | 9 | 16 | 2 | 190 |
| Rubella | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | 39 | 39 |

Reinforcement - by year of birth

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Diphtheria | Nil | Nil | Nil | 1 | 283 | 7 | 291 |
| Whooping cough | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Tetanus | Nil | Nil | Nil | 2 | 281 | 14 | 297 |
| Poliomyelitis | Nil | Nil | Nil | 1 | 275 | 4 | 280 |
| Measles | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |

Vaccination against smallpox

| <u>Primary vaccinations (age in years)</u> | | | | <u>Re-vaccinations (age in years)</u> | | | |
|--|-----------|-------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| <u>Under 2</u> | <u>2-</u> | <u>5-15</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Under 2</u> | <u>2-</u> | <u>5-15</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| | | (incl) | (under 16) | | | (incl) | (under 16) |
| Nil | 6 | 7 | 13 | Nil | 1 | 8 | 9 |

*You will note that the figures shown for 1972 refer only to vaccinations of children born in that year.

Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
PRESTWICH.

August 1973

TO THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR AND
ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you, in conjunction with the Medical Officer of Health, my 16th and final Annual Report on the work of the Public Health Department in 1972 and more especially the efforts made to improve the environmental conditions in the Borough. By 1 April 1974 this work will be controlled by the new Metropolitan District of Bury which will then include the towns of Prestwich, Whitefield, Radcliffe, Bury, Ramsbottom and Tottington.

It is with a sense of pride that in this final report I am able to state that Prestwich will be fully smoke controlled by 1 July 1974, having had the last smoke control order confirmed at the time of writing. Also the fact that the clearance area programme, comprising 48 areas, has been completed by the representation to the Secretary of State for the Environment of the last three clearance areas early this year.

A great deal of work has been done in the housing field with emphasis being placed on the improvement of the existing older housing stock, especially in the Heaton Park area, and to the creation of General Improvement Areas, one of which is almost completed, one about to start and two about to be declared. During the year a record total for Prestwich of 75 applications for discretionary grants were received for improvements to both owner-occupied and tenanted properties.

Various aspects of our work are pictorially illustrated at intervals throughout the report, in addition to plans of the smoke control and improvement areas. With cleaner air, better housing conditions and higher standards in the food businesses throughout the Borough, Prestwich is truly a healthier and safer place in which to live.

About 695 complaints were received in connection with a variety of public health and housing matters, including rodents and insects. Over 3,114 inspections including revisits were made by a relatively small but conscientious staff.

I was indeed sorry to lose the services of my colleague, Mr. A. Alston, to Bury Health Department. He had been with me for over 8 years. Also Mr. H. Matthews, Smoke Control Officer, retired after being over 5 years in the department.

I would very much like to express my thanks to my Chairman, Alderman M. Baker, JP, members of the Council, fellow officers and all my loyal staff for their continued help and co-operation throughout the year.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

E. WHEELER,

Chief Public Health Inspector
and Improvement Officer



OPENING OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS EXHIBITION.

SECTION D. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

During 1972 the small sewage works at Simister was demolished and replaced with a new pumping station. Now all sewage from the district is conveyed through the Council's sewers to a modern sewage disposal plant off Buckley Lane. Pumping stations are provided in the low lying areas to boost the flow along the main sewerage system. The main works deal with about $1\frac{1}{4}$ million gallons dry weather flow by sedimentation and filtration with humus tanks. Some effluent is re-circulated. In some parts of the town, owing to variation in levels, sewage flows into the Manchester sewers. There are now only 5 pail closets in use in the Borough where the sewer is not within reasonable distance of the premises. My records also show that there are only five waste water closets now in use.

1. Refuse disposal. The Council operate a full scale system of controlled tipping and this method has proved to be most successful. All refuse is tipped, according to the Ministry of Health's recommendations, on Carr Meadow, and a modern Track Marshall bulldozer permanently stationed on the tip consolidates and levels the refuse. A Muirhill hydraulic shovel digs out suitable cover material from the sewage works land, loads it on to a three cubic yard dumper which transports it to the tip about a mile away. Refuse is covered after every load and effectively sealed at the end of each working day. Regular visits are made to check on vermin and insects and when necessary treatments are carried out. The tip is regularly treated to prevent any serious infestation of crickets and a special treatment is carried out each Spring and Autumn.

It has been noticed that since the change over to full scale controlled tipping in 1962, when the disposal works were demolished, there have been practically no complaints about the tip, and the incidence of rodents, insects and other pests has shown a remarkable decrease.

Use of the Council tip is now restricted to Prestwich residents and contractors' permits are issued on written application.

2. Refuse collection. The Council's policy is to maintain a regular 7 day collection of refuse from all houses in the Borough with the exception of an outlying area in Heywood Old Road where, by arrangement, the refuse is collected by Middleton Corporation. The 7 day collection is mainly due to the inauguration of a bonus scheme for the collectors which was adopted by the Council and came into force on 1 April 1963.

Owing to the changes in the composition of refuse and its more bulky nature, compression type vehicles have proved most successful in this area; the collection fleet now consists of three Dennis Paxits, two S. & D. vehicles and one Revopak, which are all of the compression type. In addition a Karrier Bantam and Commer Side Loader are used as extra vehicles when needed.

PROVISION OF DUSTBINS

Unlike many neighbouring authorities, Prestwich does not operate a municipal dustbin scheme but has found that the normal replacement of dustbins by the owners and occupiers works very well. Owners are informed that standard dustbins can be supplied and delivered through the Corporation at current prices and many take advantage of this service. In Council owned property bins are replaced free of charge. It was only necessary to serve three notices under s.75 of the Public Health Act 1936 during the year.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS IN 1972

(Figures in brackets denote re-visits)

| | | | |
|---|----------|----------------------------|----------|
| Animal boarding establishments | - (-) | Noise abatement | 20 (6) |
| Caravans | - (-) | Offices, Shops & Railway | |
| Clean Air Act 1956 - | | Premises Act 1963 | 28(32) |
| Smoke control: | | Pet Animals Act | - (1) |
| Contraventions | 52 (2) | Petroleum Acts | 4 (8) |
| Chimney heights | - (-) | Public conveniences | 6 (-) |
| Surveys | 352 (-) | Public Health Acts: | |
| Adaptations | 195 (-) | Septic tanks | 2 (1) |
| Atmospheric pollution | - (-) | Infectious disease | 18(13) |
| Smoke observations | 18 (-) | Dirty conditions | 14(25) |
| Delivery of letters | - (-) | Verminous | 6 (3) |
| Drains obstructed and defective | 119 (96) | Offensive smells | 30(14) |
| Private sewers obstructed and defective | 6 (22) | Keeping of animals | 9 (4) |
| Public sewers obstructed and defective | 45 (82) | Housing defects | 113(227) |
| Explosives Act, keeping of fireworks | 2 (4) | Accums.waste material | 56(47) |
| Factories Act: | | Defective drainage | 9(49) |
| General inspections | 3 (-) | " closets s.45 | - (5) |
| Outworkers | - (-) | " bins s.75 | 4 (3) |
| Farms | - (-) | Disinfection T.B. etc. | 2 (-) |
| Food and Drugs Act 1955: | | Disinfestation, fleas, etc | 8 (2) |
| Sampling - milk | 14 (-) | Riding Establishments Act | 1 (1) |
| cream | - (-) | Rodent control | 132 (5) |
| other foods | - (-) | Schools | - (-) |
| Registrations - ice cream | 6 (6) | Shops Act 1950: | |
| preserved food | - (-) | General inspections | 4 (-) |
| Unsound food | 27 (5) | Reg.of Jewish traders | - (-) |
| Food poisoning | - (-) | Tips | 4 (3) |
| Food Hygiene Regs.1960: | | Waste food boiling plant | - (-) |
| Bakehouses | 1 (1) | Water - Sampling | - (-) |
| Bakers & confectioners | 7 (8) | Percolations | 13 (7) |
| Butchers | 8(25) | Culvert & courses | 2 (-) |
| Canteens | 4(11) | Miscellaneous | 80 (1) |
| Clubs and licensed premises | 3 (1) | | |
| Fishmongers | 3 (4) | | |
| Grocers | 30(25) | TOTAL NO. INSPECTIONS | 1706 |
| Greengrocers | 8(11) | " " RE-VISITS | 1028 |
| Restaurants & snack bars | 10(19) | " " VISITS 1972 | 2734 |
| Sweets & tobacco etc. | 3 (7) | | |
| Fish & chip shops | 3 (1) | | |
| Dairies | - (-) | | |
| Food vehicles | | | |
| New regulations | 6 (3) | | |
| Registration of hawkers | - (3) | | |
| Hairdressing establishment | 3 (8) | | |
| Housing Acts: | | | |
| Defects s.9 | 5(12) | | |
| " s.16 | 6 (5) | | |
| Demolition/closing orders | 4(17) | | |
| Clearance areas | 57(18) | | |
| Improvement area - survey | 2 (-) | | |
| Well-maintained payments | 3 (3) | | |
| Overcrowding | 13(26) | | |
| Multiple occupation | 1 (-) | | |
| Improvement/standard grants | 105(93) | | |
| Certificates of disrepair | - (-) | | |
| Qualification certificates | 4(43) | | |
| House mortgages | - (-) | | |
| Housing applications | 3 (1) | | |
| Insects, bees, wasps, etc. | 10 (7) | | |

CLEAN AIR ACT 1956. SMOKE CONTROL.

The map and table following show the current position regarding the establishment of smoke control areas throughout the Borough.

FACTORY CHIMNEYS

There are now only seven factory chimneys in use within the Borough, four of which serve mechanically fired Lancashire boilers burning coal, two serve oil fired Lancashire boilers and one serves a forge burning coke.

MEASUREMENT OF ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

Winter pollution data 1962-72

| | <u>Smoke - Town Hall</u> | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 62-3 | 63-4 | 64-5 | 65-6 | 66-7 | 67-8 | 68-9 | 69-70 | 70-71 | 71-72 |
| Winter averages | 367 | 253 | 331 | 193 | 170 | 203 | 170 | 147 | 172 | 84 |
| Peak concentrations | 1829 | 1668 | 1805 | 1191 | 2712 | 1085 | 809 | 976 | 1344 | 350 |
| No. of days over 500 ug/m ³ | 36 | 17 | 27 | 8 | 6 | 12 | 3 | 8 | 9 | - |
| | <u>Smoke - Butterstile Lane</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | 62-3 | 63-4 | 64-5 | 65-6 | 66-7 | 67-8 | 68-9 | 69-70 | 70-71 | 71-72 |
| Winter averages | 392 | 247 | 268 | 160 | 146 | 171 | 117 | - | - | - |
| Peak concentrations | 2725 | 1923 | 1277 | 1055 | 1746 | 956 | 398 | - | - | - |
| No. of days over 500 ug/m ³ | 37 | 26 | 25 | 6 | 7 | 10 | Nil | - | - | - |
| | <u>Sulphur dioxide - Town Hall</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | 62-3 | 63-4 | 64-5 | 65-6 | 66-7 | 67-8 | 68-9 | 69-70 | 70-71 | 71-72 |
| Winter averages | 270 | 229 | 323 | 231 | 229 | 275 | 206 | 192 | 228 | 173 |
| Peak concentrations | 1518 | 875 | 1912 | 1094 | 2297 | 1122 | 887 | 1035 | 1370 | 590 |
| No. of days over 500 ug/m ³ | 16 | 9 | 34 | 9 | 8 | 17 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 1 |
| | <u>Sulphur dioxide - Butterstile Lane</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | 62-3 | 63-4 | 64-5 | 65-6 | 66-7 | 67-8 | 68-9 | 69-70 | 70-71 | 71-72 |
| Winter averages | 421 | 271 | 335 | 214 | 207 | 234 | 157 | - | - | - |
| Peak concentrations | 2146 | 1215 | 1914 | 1189 | 1696 | 1390 | 691 | - | - | - |
| No. of days over 500 ug/m ³ | 29 | 17 | 28 | 6 | 11 | 13 | 2 | - | - | - |

Measurements in microgrammes per cubic metre were made daily at the Health Department at the Town Hall; the station at Manchester Corporation Water-works pumphouse in Butterstile Lane was discontinued in 1969.

The histogram which follows clearly illustrates the remarkable decrease in the concentrations of both smoke and sulphur dioxide since 1961 when smoke control measures were first put into operation. There was six times as much smoke in the air in the winter of 1961/62 than during last winter.

Progress in the Greater Manchester Metropolitan Area including Prestwich

Prestwich Council is represented on three Clean Air bodies and its efforts to improve the environment especially in regard to the amount of pollution in the air compares most favourably with the other 54 local authorities in the Greater Manchester Area. This is shown on the coloured map centre pages and headed "Progress in Smoke Control". The map comprises 221,841 acres of which over 63% is now covered by operative smoke control orders and includes 598,499 premises or 68% of all the houses in the Greater Manchester Area.

CONTROL OF INFESTATION

During the year the Pests Officer successfully treated various nuisances arising on tips, in dwellinghouses and other premises from the presence of crickets, beetles, cockroaches, etc. These were successfully eradicated with modern liquid and powder insecticides. All types of infestations at Prestwich Hospital are dealt with by the Pests Officer and a charge is made in all cases.

The houses, clothing and furniture of prospective Council tenants are inspected before tenancies are taken up. Any infested houses are disinfested prior to removal.

There were six bug infestations during the year.

Wasp infestations were lower than in the previous year and 22 nests were successfully treated by spraying with DDT.

DISINFECTION

Disinfection in cases of infectious disease is carried out by formalin spray or formalin vapour only in those premises where it is considered necessary by the Medical Officer of Health.

THE PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

The Council employ a full time Pests Officer and all complaints of infestation are investigated and a treatment carried out if necessary. Tips, allotments, etc. are also investigated to ensure that re-infestations have not arisen since the previous treatment. Appended is an analysis of the various types of infestation.

| | Type of property | |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | <u>Non-agric-</u> <u>ultural</u> | <u>Agricult-</u> <u>ural</u> |
| No. of properties in district | 12,994 | 17 |
| Total no. of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification | 380 | - |
| No. infested by rats | 188 | - |
| No. infested by mice | 192 | - |

The Pests Officer made 1,646 visits investigating and treating infestations compared with 2,090 visits in 1971. Regular treatments were carried out at Prestwich Hospital. The treatment of rodent infestation in private houses is carried out as a free service but a charge is made for any treatment carried out in business premises or agricultural property.

SEWER MAINTENANCE TREATMENTS

Prestwich town sewers. During the year a treatment was carried out on the town's sewers using Fluorakil 3 which is a proprietary brand of sodium fluoracetate. This is a direct poison which has proved outstandingly effective in previous sewer treatments. No test baiting was carried out but care was taken to ascertain the distribution and degree of infestation from previous records and to treat accordingly. A total of 310 man-holes were poison baited.

SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE RODENT CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Health Committee and the Chief Public Health Inspector were again appointed to serve on this Committee, which meets four times a year.

PROGRESS IN SMOKE CONTROL



KEY SMOKE CONTROL
ORDERS - 31.3.74.

☐ OPERATIVE
☒ CONFIRMED
☐ NOT YET MADE

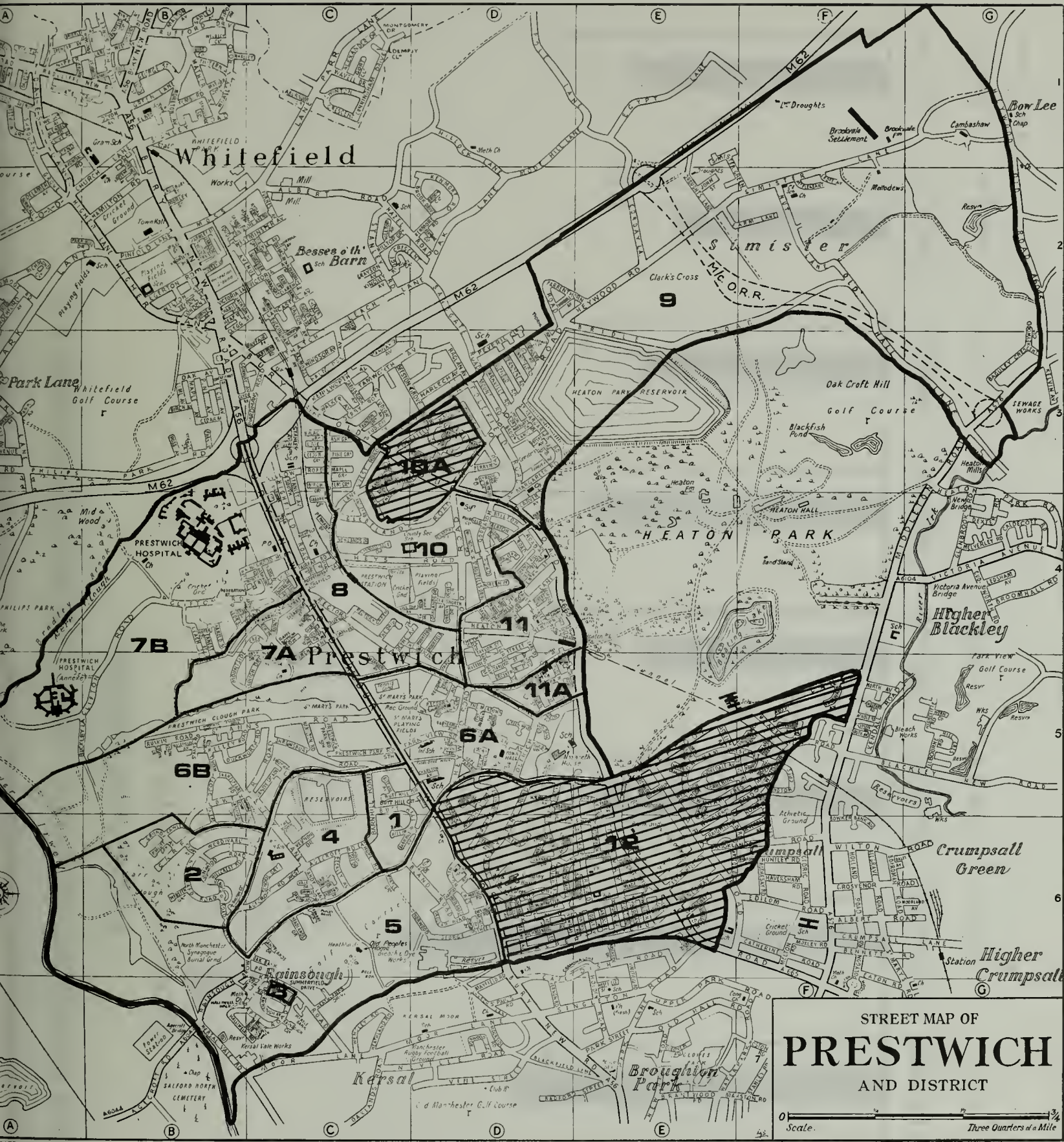
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BURY

E. WHEELER
C.P.H.I. PRESTWICH
CARTOGRAPHER.

BOROUGH OF PRESTWICH
PROGRESS IN SMOKE CONTROL

Area: 2,420 acres
Premises: 11,685



| ORDER | DATE | ACRES | PREMISES | No. | ORDER | DATE | ACRES | PREMISES |
|--|---------|-------|----------|-----|-----------------|--------|--------|----------|
| Butt Hill | 1.9.58 | 21.0 | 120 | 7B | Clifton Rd. | 1.7.68 | 202.4 | 521 |
| Carr Clough | 1.9.61 | 42.0 | 491 | 8 | Prestwich Vill. | 1.7.69 | 109.0 | 845 |
| Kersal Close | 1.11.60 | 1.2 | 15 | 9 | Simister | 1.7.70 | 908.2 | 1305 |
| Agecroft Rd. | 1.11.62 | 80.0 | 515 | 10 | Heys Rd. | 1.7.71 | 53.7 | 1169 |
| Hilton Park | 1.7.63 | 272.8 | 669 | 10A | Langley & P'fd | 1.7.74 | 59.5 | 464 |
| Bent Hill | 1.11.63 | 103.0 | 588 | 11 | 2 Heaton Pk. | 1.7.73 | 27.8 | 904 |
| Prestwich Pk. | 1.11.63 | 177.0 | 766 | 11A | 1 Heaton Pk. | 1.7.72 | 10.0 | 180 |
| Church Drive | 1.7.67 | 58.5 | 487 | 12 | Sedgley/Pk.Rd. | 1.7.74 | 293.9 | 2646 |
| Denotes Smoke Control Orders Not Yet Submitted | | | | | | Totals | 2420.0 | 11685 |

BOROUGH OF PRESTWICH

MEASUREMENT OF ATMOSPHERIC

POLLUTION

WINTER AVERAGES

■ SMOKE

□ SO₂

%
Denotes proportion of the total number of premises
in the Borough under Smoke Control

microgrammes per cubic metre

1961-62 4.50 %

1962-63 8.91

1963-64 26.23

1964-65 26.23

1965-66 26.23

1966-67 26.23

1967-68 27.08

1968-69 35.72

1969-70 43.04

1970-71 54.21

1971-72 64.22

Fuel Crisis
Power Cuts

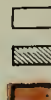
GREATER MANCHESTER 1974 PROGRESS IN



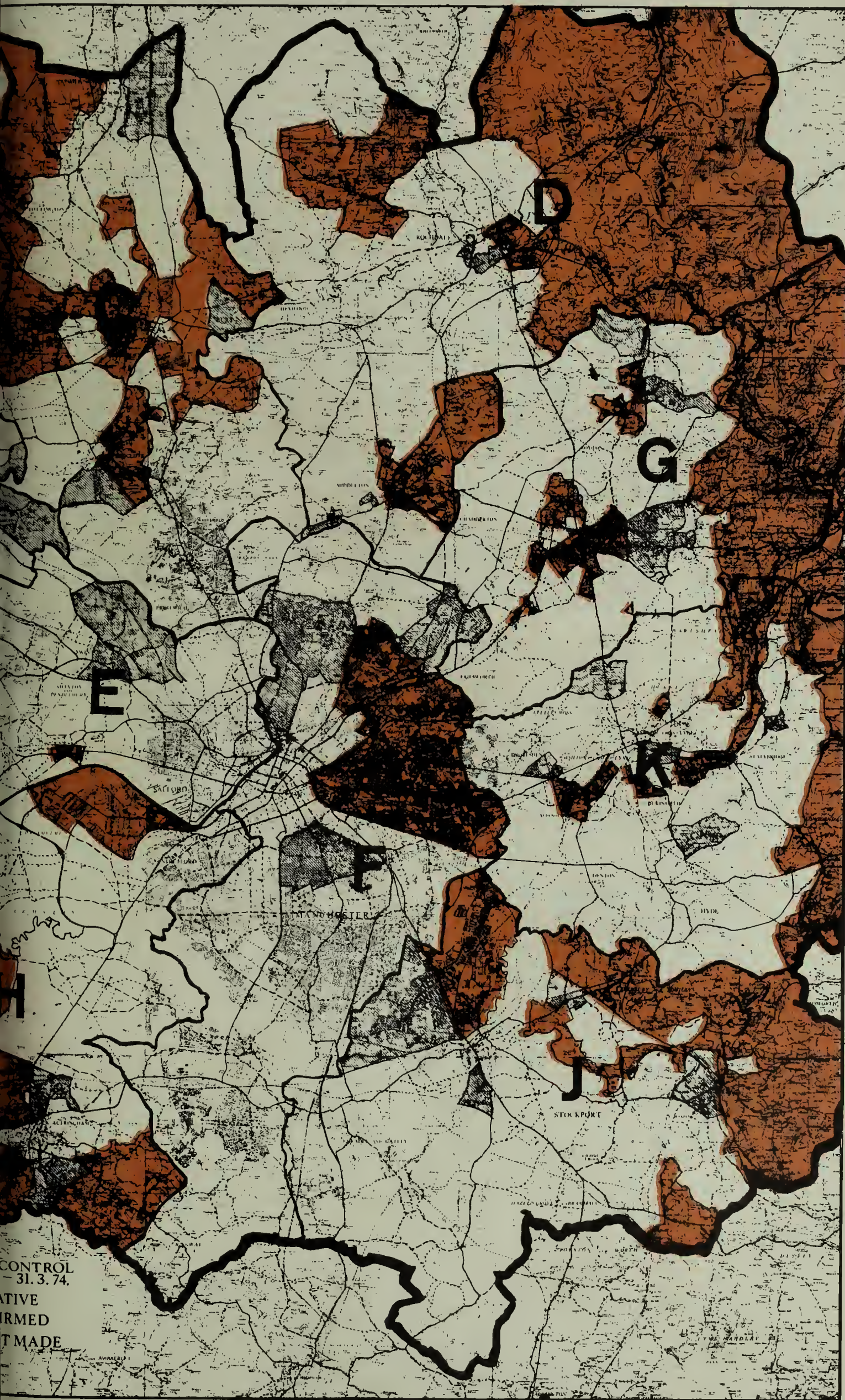
SELANCS & NCESH CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF
ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

E. WHEELER
CPH. PRESTWICH
CARTOGRAPHER.

KEY



METROPOLITAN AREA SMOKE CONTROL 1974



SECTION E. HOUSING.

HOUSING CONDITIONS AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF OLDER PROPERTY

The Housing Act 1969 enabled the Council to re-examine its policy on housing and to give more attention to improvement now that the clearance programme is almost completed.

Prestwich is a matured residential town of some 2,420 acres with an increasing population of over 33,000. There are over 11,000 dwellings of which close on 2,000 are Council owned.

Since 1956 over 600 of the oldest properties have been dealt with by progressive clearance procedure and by the end of 1972 the representation of the last area of 37 houses saw the end of all the poorer type houses in the Borough, leaving a number of properties built just prior to 1914 which, though structurally sound, lack one or more of the basic standard amenities.

The Council after considering a report on a survey of the Borough agreed to designate three parts of the Heaton Park area as general improvement areas and to encourage owners of properties without the basic amenities to improve their homes. To this end they will now consider grants of up to 75% for all improvement works together with certain repair grants. Loans will also be considered to cover the cost of any works of repair and improvement not covered by grants. The following table sets out the statistical information obtained from the housing survey carried out in the Heaton Park area and a plan showing the proposals for the No.2 General Improvement Area is included. The first general improvement area is now complete.

Housing survey of Heaton Park area

| <u>Proposed</u> <u>G.I.A.</u> | <u>Fit houses</u> <u>in area</u> | <u>Standard amenities</u> <u>Houses with all</u> | <u>Houses lacking</u> <u>one or more</u> | <u>Unfit houses</u> <u>included in</u> <u>clearance areas</u> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| 1 | 114 | 112 | 2 | 69 |
| 2 | 431 | 335 | 96 | 73 |
| 3 | 303 | 234 | 69 | Nil |

1. HOUSING ACT 1969

Qualification certificates

Since the Act came into operation in 1969 up to 31 December 1972 a total of 171 applications have been received. Details of the numbers issued and refused are as follows:

| | | <u>1972</u> | <u>1969/71</u> |
|---|------|-------------|----------------|
| No. of provisional qualification certificates issued | .... | 8 | 60 |
| No. of qualification certificates | | | |
| (i) issued | .... | 31 | 78 |
| (ii) refused | .... | 111 | 152 |

2. CLEARANCE AREA PROGRESS SINCE 1955

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Clearance area</u> | <u>No.</u> <u>houses</u> | <u>No.</u> | <u>Clearance area</u> | <u>No.</u> <u>houses</u> |
|------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *1 | Infant Street 1956 | 31 | 28 | Ostrich Lane 1969 | Withdrawn |
| *2 | Whittaker Lane 1957 | 4 | 29 | Ostrich Lane No.1 -1969 | 19 |
| *3A | Newtown Street 1959 | 17 | 30 | Ostrich Lane No.2 -1969 | 8 |
| *4 | Clayton Street 1962 | 36 | 31 | Ogden Street and | |
| *5 | Chapel Road 1961 | 9 | | Park Street 1969 | 32 |
| *6 | Longfield 1962 | 49 | *32 | Greengate Lane 1970 | 4 |
| *7 | Rainsough Brow 1963 | 4 | 33 | Church Lane 1970 | Withdrawn |
| *8 | Rectory Lane and | | *34 | Church Lane, | |
| | Bowman Street 1964 | 29 | | Even numbers 1970 | 3 |
| *9 | Sharp Street 1963 | Withdrawn | 35 | Bury Old Road 1970 | 2 |
| *10 | Chester Street 1963 | 7 | 36 | Church Lane 1970 | 7 |
| *11 | Ramsbottom Row 1963 | 9 | 37 | Edward Street 1970 | 30 |
| *12 | Flashfields 1965 | 4 | 38 | Chester Street 1970 | 14 |
| *13 | Simister Lane 1965 | 3 | 40 | Naseby Place 1971 | 17 |
| *14 | Simister Lane 1965 | 9 | 39 | Rainsough 1971 | 24 |
| *15 | Chapel Street 1966 | 31 | 41 | Chapel Road 1971 | 6 |
| *16 | Sherbourne Street 1966 | 42 | 42A | Rainsough Brow 1972 | 6 |
| *17 | Derby Street 1966 | 14 | 42B | Rainsough Brow 1971 | 7 |
| *18 | Clifton Road 1967 | 4 | 43 | Snowhill Terrace 1971 | 6 |
| *19 | Bent Lane 1967 | 4 | 44 | Bailey Street 1972 | 15 |
| *20 | Wallis Street 1967 | 10 | 46 | Vine Street 1972 | 5 |
| *21 | Poppythorn Lane 1967 | 8 | 47A | Newtown Street | 9 |
| *22 | Barrow Street 1967 | 14 | 47B | Newtown Street | 4 |
| *23 | Greenhill 1968 | 9 | 48 | Wilton Street | <u>22</u> |
| *24 | Clifton Road 1969 | 4 | | Total | <u>637</u> |
| *25 | Newtown Street 1969 | 9 | | | |
| *26 | Chester Street 1969 | 14 | | | |
| *27 | Blackburn Street 1969 | 6 | | | |

* Denotes houses demolished

3. INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES

The following information relates to the closing or demolition of individually unfit houses since 1956.

| | | | |
|-----|---------------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| (a) | <u>Demolition orders</u> | | |
| | Houses demolished up to December 1971 | ..... | 20 |
| | Houses demolished during 1972 - | | |
| | 29-37 Chester Street (5) | | |
| | 1-4 Dickinson Terrace (4) | | |
| | 15-25 Blackburn Street (6) | ..... | <u>18</u> |
| | 432,434,436 Bury New Road (3)) | | <u>38</u> |
| (b) | <u>Closing orders</u> | | |
| | Houses closed up to December 1971 | ..... | 73 |
| | Houses closed during 1972 - | | |
| | 1 Stanley Street | | |
| | 1,3,5 Kersal Road | | |
| | Nutt Farm | | |
| | 149 Simister Lane | | |
| | 14 Rainsough Brow | | |
| | 4 Bedford Street | | |
| | 35 Cromwell Road | ..... | 11 |
| | 34,36 Ruskin Road.. | | <u>84</u> |

**BOROUGH OF PRESTWICH
No 1 HEATON PARK GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AREA
BEFORE ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS & IMPROVEMENTS**



**BOROUGH OF PRESTWICH
 No1 HEATON PARK GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AREA
 AFTER ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS & IMPROVEMENTS
 (COMPLETED NOVEMBER 1972)**

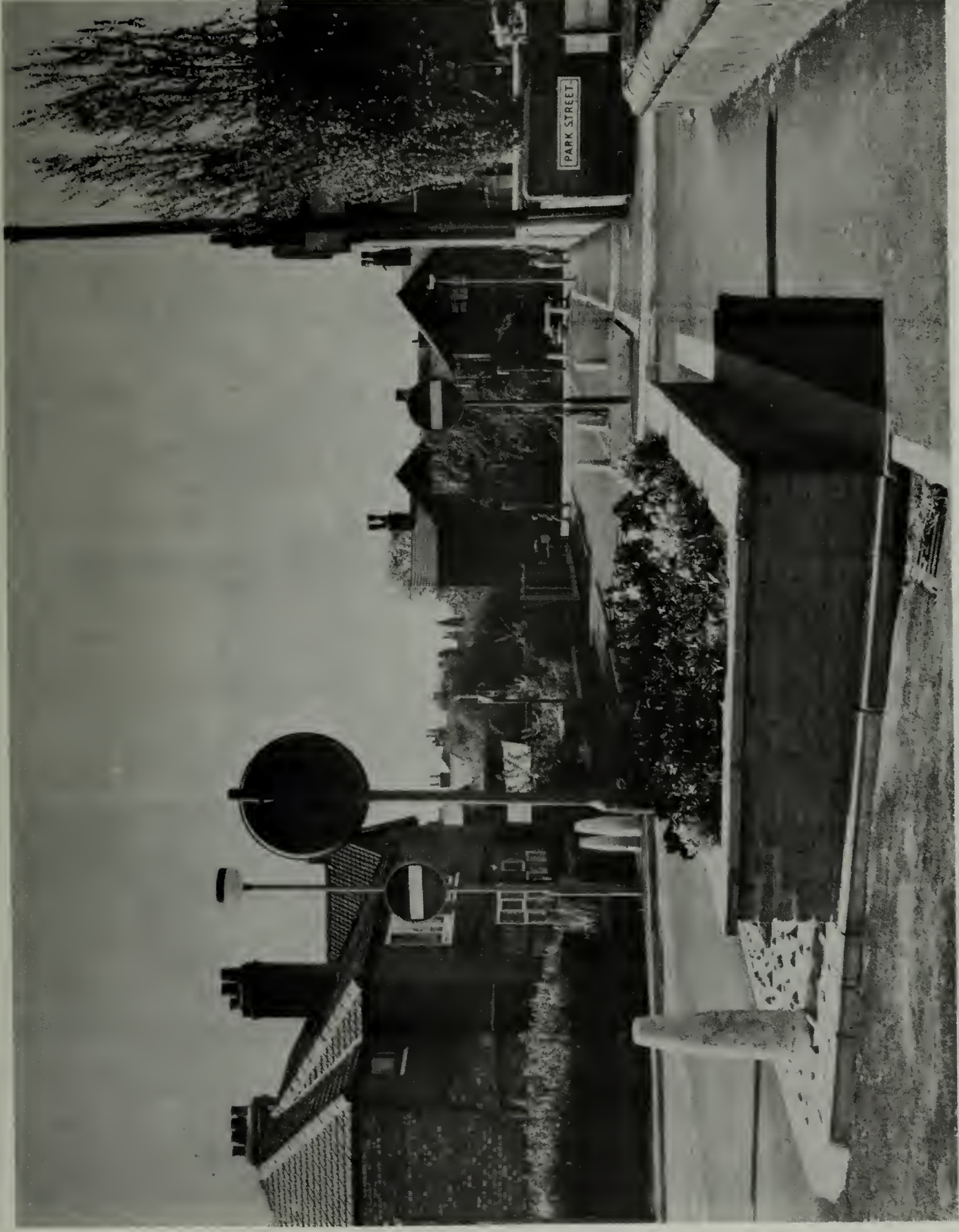




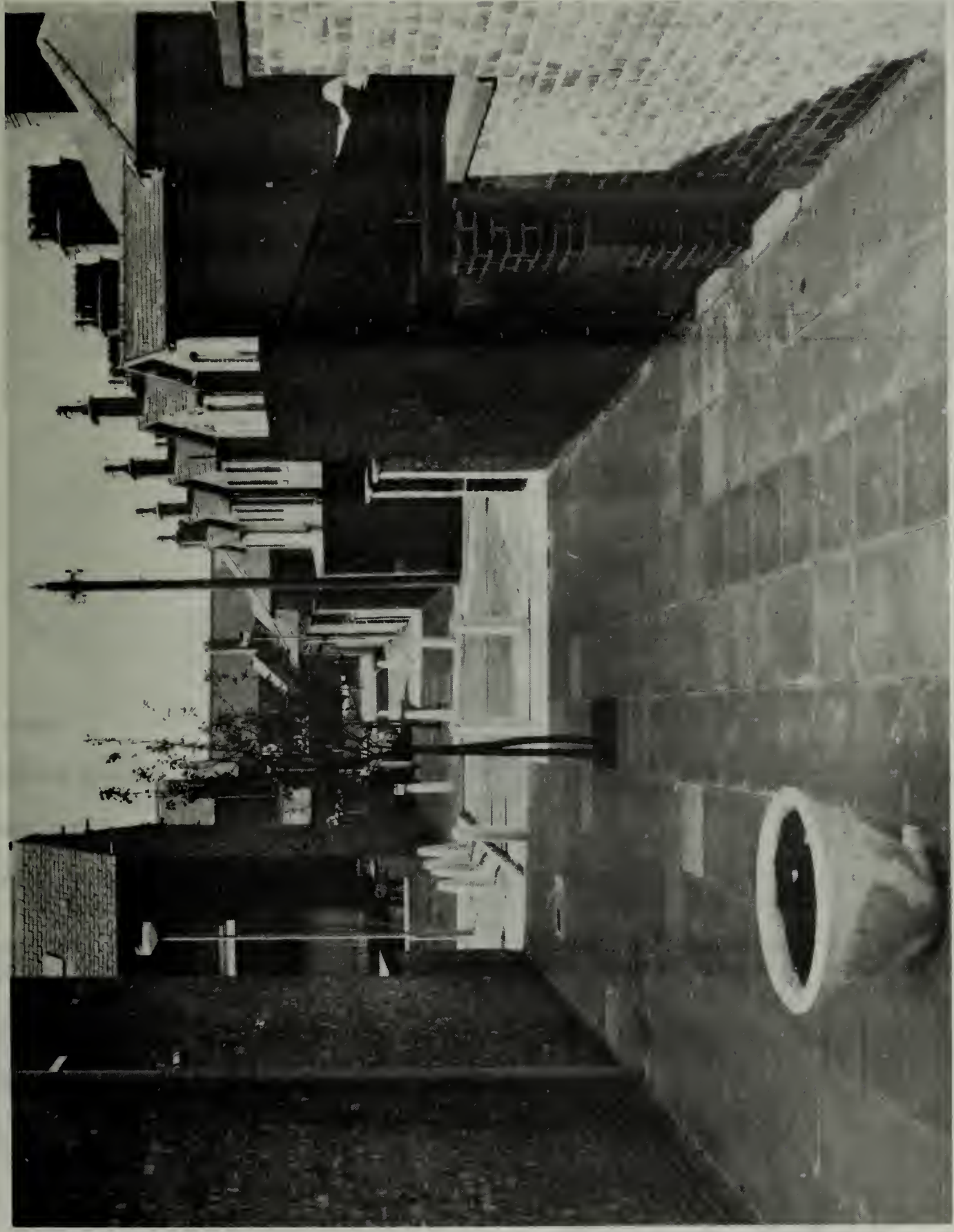
No. 1 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AREA - BLACKBURN STREET LOOKING TOWARDS OSTRICH LANE.



No. 1 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AREA – ELIZABETH STREET SHOWING PEDESTRIANISATION.



No. 1 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AREA – BLACKBURN STREET LOOKING TOWARDS WHITTAKER LANE.



No. 1 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AREA - TREATMENT OF REAR PASSAGES OFF ELIZABETH STREET.



HEATON PARK

KEY

- NEEDING IMPROVEMENT
- IMPROVED WITH GRANT AID
- OWNER OCCUPIER

BOROUGH OF PRESTWICH
HEATON PARK PHASE 2
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AREA
ENVIRONMENTAL PROPOSALS

4. HOUSING STATISTICS 1972

(1) Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year

| | | |
|---|-------|-----|
| 1(a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | ..... | 130 |
| (b) Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose | ..... | 230 |
| 2. Dwellinghouses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit | | |
| (a) Number found during year | ..... | 4 |
| (b) Number (or estimated number) at end of year (clearance areas) | ..... | 101 |
| 3. Number of dwellinghouses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit | ..... | 76 |

(2) Houses demolished

| | <u>Demolished</u> | <u>No. of persons displaced</u> | <u>Families</u> |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| (a) <u>In clearance areas</u> | | | |
| Houses unfit for human habitation | 10 | 74 | 31 |
| Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc. | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Houses on land acquired under s.43(2) Housing Act 1957 | 3 | Nil | Nil |
| (b) <u>Not in clearance areas</u> | | | |
| As a result of formal or informal procedure under s.17(1) Housing Act 1957 | 5 | Nil | Nil |
| Local authority owned houses certified unfit by M.O.H. | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Act 1957 | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Unfit houses included in unfitness orders | Nil | Nil | Nil |

(3) Unfit houses closed

| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|
| Under ss.16(4), 17(1), 35(1) of Housing Act 1957 | 13 | 17 | 7 |
| Under ss.17(3) and 26 of Housing Act 1957 | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Parts of buildings closed under s.18 of Housing Act 1957 | Nil | Nil | Nil |

(4) Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied

| | <u>By owner</u> | <u>By local authority</u> |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------|
| After informal action by local authority | 24 | Nil |
| After formal notice under | | |
| (a) Public Health Acts | 25 | Nil |
| (b) Ss.9 & 16 Housing Act 1957 | 2 | Nil |
| (c) Under s.24 Housing Act 1957 | Nil | Nil |

(5) Unfit houses in temporary use (Housing Act 1957): Nil

(6) Purchase of houses by agreement: Nil

| | |
|--|-------------|
| (7) <u>Housing Act 1949 and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958 - Improvement grants, etc.</u> | <u>1972</u> |
| Application submitted to local authority for improvement grants | 76 |
| Applications approved by local authority | 33 |
| Work completed | 19 |

| (8) <u>House Purchase and Housing Act 1959 and Housing Acts 1961, 1964 & 1969</u> | | |
|---|---|-------------|
| | <u>No. of dwellings or other build- ings affected</u> | |
| <u>Standard grants</u> | <u>1972</u> | <u>1971</u> |
| <u>Action during year</u> | | |
| Applications submitted to local authority for improvement to full standard | 30 | 47 |
| Applications approved by local authority for improvement to reduced standard | Nil | Nil |
| Total applications approved by local authority | 25 | 36 |
| Work completed | 12 | 11 |
| Action taken relating to compulsory improvement of dwellings | Nil | Nil |

5. STANDARD AND IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

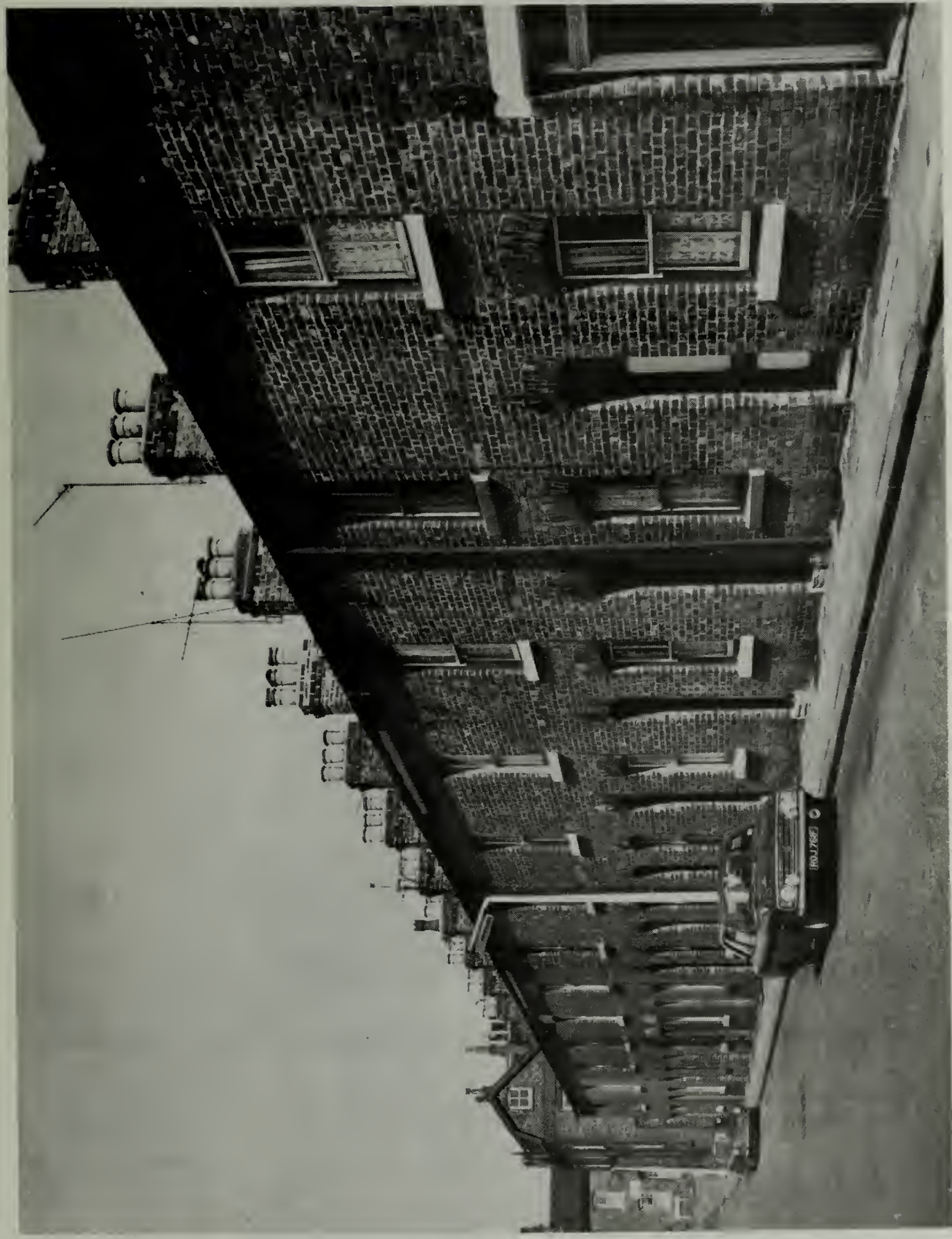
All applications for both standard and improvement grants are dealt with through the Borough Engineer but are not proceeded with until a certificate of fitness is issued by the Chief Public Health Inspector. In the case of a standard grant the certificate states whether or not, after the proposed works have been completed, the house would be fit or likely to remain fit for 15 years. For an improvement grant this period is extended to cover 30 years' life of the property. The majority of applications have satisfied these requirements but there have been a few cases where there have been considerable dampness and disrepair which has prevented the applicant from obtaining a grant until the property has been rendered fit for human habitation for the required period of time. This co-operation between departments works very well and is also a check against grants being issued in connection with houses which may be closed as unfit or likely to be included in clearance areas or redevelopment schemes.

6. OVERCROWDING

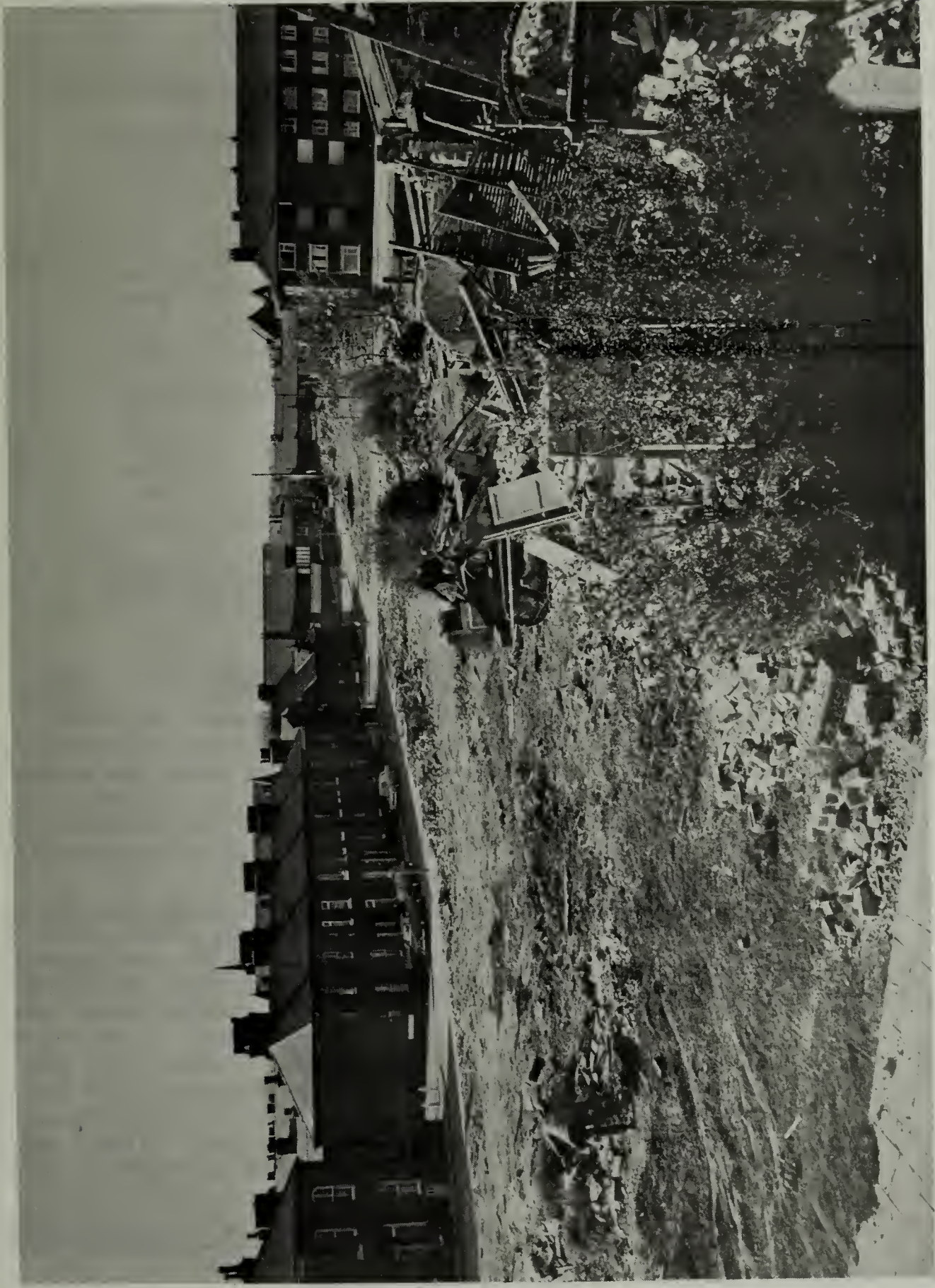
Several investigations were made into alleged moral overcrowding and lack of bedroom accommodation at the request of the Housing Department. In a few cases moral overcrowding due to insufficient bedroom accommodation was found, but there were no cases of legal overcrowding.

7. DETAILS OF NOTICES SERVED

| (a) <u>Informal notices</u> | <u>No.served</u> | <u>No.complied with</u> |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>Public Health Acts 1936/61</u> | | |
| Housing other defects | 27 | 22 |
| Housing unfit | 4 | 1 |
| Other than housing | 11 | 14 |
| Dustbins | 7 | 1 |
| <u>Food Hygiene Regulations</u> | | |
| Provision of w.h.b. | 4 | 3 |
| Provision of sinks | 2 | 1 |
| Cleanliness | 28 | 7 |
| Miscellaneous | 26 | 6 |
| <u>Housing Acts</u> | 5 | 4 |
| <u>Factories Act 1961</u> | | |
| s.1 Cleanliness | - | - |
| s.7 Sanitary conveniences | - | - |
| (a) insufficient | - | - |
| (b) unsuitable | Nil | Nil |
| (c) not separate | - | - |
| Other | - | - |
| Market stalls - Delivery vehicles | 2 | 1 |



LAST CLEARANCE AREA - NEWTOWN STREET.



SITE OF DEMOLISHED HOUSES IN OGDEN STREET ADJOINING No. 1 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AREA.

| <u>Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act 1963</u> | <u>No.served</u> | <u>No.complied</u> <u>with</u> |
|---|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Cleanliness | 8 | 4 |
| Lighting | 4 | 1 |
| Ventilation | 3 | 4 |
| Sanitary conveniences | 3 | 3 |
| Washing facilities | 5 | 3 |
| Miscellaneous | 41 | 10 |
| Information | - | - |

Shops Act 1950

| | | |
|---------------|------------|------------|
| Miscellaneous | <u>7</u> | <u>27</u> |
| Totals | <u>188</u> | <u>109</u> |

(b) Statutory notices

| | <u>No.served</u> | <u>No.complied</u> <u>with</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u>Public Health Act 1936</u> | | |
| s.75 | 6 | 2 |
| s.93 | 9 | 9 |
| s.56 | - | - |
| s.45 | 3 | 2 |
| s.39 | 3 | 5 |
| s.24 | - | 3 |
| s.34 | 5 | - |
| s.83 | - | - |
| <u>Public Health Act 1961</u> | | |
| s.15 | 7 | 5 |
| s.17 | 23 | 19 |
| s.18 | 8 | 10 |
| s.26 | 3 | 3 |
| s.34 | 5 | 8 |
| <u>Housing Acts</u> | | |
| s.9 | <u>7</u> | <u>-</u> |
| | <u>74</u> | <u>66</u> |

SECTION F. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Since the implementation of the Food Hygiene(Markets,Stalls and Delivery Vehicles)Regulations 1966, every effort has been made to ensure that all hawkers and firms delivering foodstuffs within the Borough have maintained their vehicles to the standards required to secure full compliance with the Regulations. All vehicles have now been inspected and where necessary re-inspected to ensure that the necessary standards are being maintained.

CLASSIFICATION OF FOOD BUSINESSES IN THE BOROUGH

| | |
|---|------------|
| General grocers and provision dealers | 66 |
| Greengrocers and fruiterers (incl.those selling wet fish,game,etc.) | 31 |
| Fishmongers (incl.those selling poultry,game,etc.) | 6 |
| Meat shops(butchers,purveyors of cooked and preserved meats, tripe,etc) | 32 |
| Bakers and/or confectioners | 15 |
| Fried fish shops | 12 |
| Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery,minerals,ice cream,etc. | 43 |
| Licensed premises,clubs,canteens,restaurants,cafes,snack bars and similar catering establishments | 53 |
| Others comprising 30 food vehicles(hawkers)and 1 dairy | 33 |
| | <u>291</u> |

REGISTRATION OF FOOD PREMISES

| <u>Type of business</u> | <u>Legislation under which registration effected</u> | <u>No.regd. 31.12.72</u> | <u>No.of inspections of regd.premises during year</u> |
|---|--|--------------------------|---|
| Sale, preparation or manufacture of preserved food,etc. | | | |
| Butchers | Lancs.County Council(Rivers Board & General Powers)Act 1938. | 19 | 10 |
| | Food & Drugs Act 1955 | | |

| | | |
|---|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| <u>Sale and manufacture of ice cream</u> | <u>No. regd</u> | <u>No. of inspections</u> |
| Lancs. County Council (Rivers Board & General Powers) Act 1938. Food & Drugs Act 1955 | <u>31.12.72</u> | <u>of regd. premises during year</u> |
| Cafes do. | 2 | 6 |
| <u>Sale of ice cream</u> | | |
| Grocers and sugar confectionery shops do. | 84 | 50 |
| Hawkers of food Lancs. County Council (General Powers) Act 1951 | 32 | 6 |

MEAT SUPPLY

There are no registered slaughterhouses in the district.

MILK SUPPLY

All milk supplies have been regularly sampled by the County Council's officers during the year. In all 43 samples of milk were obtained from sources of supply which served the Borough.

SAMPLING

(1) Milk. 24 samples of milk have been taken by our own inspectors, the results of which are given below.

| <u>Designation</u> | <u>No. of samples</u> | <u>Satisfactory</u> | <u>Unsatisfactory</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Ungraded | 2 | 2 | Nil |
| Pasteurised | 13 | 13 | Nil |
| Sterilised | 9 | 9 | Nil |

(2) Ice cream. Eleven samples of ice cream were obtained from manufacturers and retailers in the Borough and submitted for bacteriological examination. They were reported on as follows: Provisional grade I - 9 samples, grade III - 2 samples.

(3) Fresh cream. One sample of fresh cream was obtained from a retailer in the Borough and submitted for bacteriological examination. It was reported on as satisfactory.

(4) Prawns. Two samples of prawns were obtained from retailers in the Borough and submitted for bacteriological examination. They were reported on as satisfactory.

ADULTERATION, ETC. Sampling under Food and Drugs Act 1955.

The Lancashire County Council administer the above and I am indebted to Dr. C. H. T. Wade, County Medical Officer of Health, for the following particulars of samples taken within the district in 1972. A total of 88 samples was obtained comprising 43 milks (8 of which were Channel Islands milk) and 45 others, as follows:

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 kippers | 3 whisky | 1 beef sausages |
| 1 brandy | 3 fresh minced meat | 1 rum |
| 1 salami | 1 gin | 1 herring |
| 1 soup canned | 1 bread | 1 rice pudding canned |
| 1 vegetable oil | 1 sauce | 2 baby food |
| 1 olive oil BP | 2 full fat soft cheese | 1 low calorie jam |
| 1 cheese | 1 jam | 1 lard |
| 1 peas canned | 1 suet | 1 creamed mushrooms |
| 1 sterilised cream canned | 1 fresh lamb | canned |
| 1 fresh herrings | 1 biscuits | 1 fresh oranges |
| 1 ground almonds | 1 fresh grapefruit | 1 marzipan |
| 1 Eltroxin tablets | 1 tomato paste | 1 Hydrosaluric K. tablets |
| 1 lemon juice | 1 bread roll | 1 liver pate |
| 1 liquorice | | |

I give below details of those samples on which the County Analyst gave adverse reports:

| <u>Sample</u> | <u>Result of analysis</u> | <u>Action taken</u> |
|----------------------|---|--|
| Fresh minced meat | Contained 37 parts per million of sulphite preservative (expressed as sulphur dioxide). Minced meat is not a specified food allowed to contain preservative under the Preservative in Food Regulations 1970 | Formal sample obtained and vendor cautioned |
| Informal milk | Freezing point indicates 1.8% extraneous water | Dairy cautioned. Further sample obtained. |
| Informal milk | Contained 0.05 international units penicillin per cm ³ . | Producer informed. |
| Salami | Contained 2 pieces of cooked hide bearing cow hair. They weighed 0.67 gm and 0.27 gm and had probably originally been one piece. | Importer cautioned. Complainant informed. |
| Herring | Contained broken clear glass comprising 5 pieces each weighing 0.023 gm, the whole of the broken glass weighing in all 9.622 gms | Manufacturer cautioned. Complainant unwilling to give evidence. |
| Bread | Contained 0.181 gm of unrisen dough rolled into cylindrical pieces lightly stained by approximately 0.5% of hydrated oxides of iron. | Complainant informed. Bakery cautioned. |
| Informal milk | Sample sour on arrival at laboratory but no bacteriological cause of bitterness present and sample free from detergents etc. Fat splitting organisms were present but they could have grown into the milk during normal souring. | Complainant asked to notify any recurrence promptly. |
| Bread roll | Contained the greater portions of the damaged wings (measuring 11 mms) the antennae and parts of 4 legs of a moth (family Pyralidae) weighing in all less than 1 mgm. | Prosecution. Fined £5 Costs £8 |
| Liquorice | Contained a fragment of broken steel weighing 0.013 gm and apparently gouged from a larger object. The fragment was embedded in the liquorice confection. | Importer cautioned. Complainant informed. |
| Rice pudding, canned | Slight caramel flavour - all added sugar present in the form of invert sugar and contained rather more protein than usual - otherwise normal. With reference to alleged taste of tin: Lead content 0.2 parts per million (limit 2ppm), tin content 25 ppm (limit 250 ppm), zinc content 10 ppm (limit 50 ppm), copper content Nil (limit 20 ppm), arsenic content Nil (limit 1 ppm), Iron content 7 ppm (no limit). | Complainant and manufacturer informed. |
| Low calorie jam | No specific indication on label that the food can only aid in slimming when forming part of a calorie controlled diet | Manufacturer communicated with |
| Informal milk | Fat content 2.05%, deficient 31.6% fat. | Formal sample obtained. |

SECTION G. GENERAL.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT 1951

There are no premises in the district used for the manufacture of rag flock or other filling materials. Registrations are in force for three premises where filling materials are used.

PET ANIMALS ACT 1951

There are two licensed pet shops in Prestwich. Inspections were made to ensure that the premises and accommodation provided for the animals complied with the Act.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 1963

One licence in force for the boarding of 34 cats.

SHOPS ACT 1950

Routine visits were made to shops within the Borough in connection with the various requirements of the Act, especially in regard to closing hours and half day closing.

There are 53 Jewish traders registered under s.53 of the Act who, because of their religion, do not trade on the Jewish Sabbath but are allowed to trade on Sundays until 2 p.m. One new registration was granted during the year.

Since the Shops(Early Closing Days)Act 1965 came into operation shop-keepers have been able to choose their own early closing day hitherto known as the weekly half holiday. The power of local authorities to make orders fixing the day is now abolished and existing early closing day orders ceased to have effect on 5 November 1965. In Prestwich this affected one order made under the Shops Act 1950 for the following classes of business: Grocery and provisions; greengrocery and fish; fruit, flowers and meat; ironmongers and crockery; drapery, hosiery and fents; sports and port-manteaux and harness.

The occupier of a shop is now required to keep conspicuously displayed, so as to be visible from outside the shop at an entrance used by its customers, a notice specifying the chosen day. The chosen day cannot be varied more frequently than once every three months.

HAIRDRESSING ESTABLISHMENTS

The Hairdressers and Barbers Byelaws made under s.77 of the Public Health Act 1961 came into operation on 1 January 1964. There are approximately 50 such businesses in Prestwich, the majority being ladies' hairdressers. These establishments have all been inspected to ensure they are maintaining the standards required by the byelaws, with particular reference to the provision of suitable equipment for sterilising instruments, washing facilities and cleanliness.

PETROLEUM(CONSOLIDATION)ACT 1928. STORAGE OF PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM SPIRIT.

This local authority has adopted the Home Office Model Code of Principles of Construction, and licensing conditions for the keeping of petroleum spirit under the Act. The conditions laid down are mainly to minimise the risk of fire. All new installations are inspected and have to comply with the Model Code before a licence is issued. All new storage tanks for petroleum spirit are pressure tested at 10 lbs. per sq.in. and must hold this pressure to be passed as satisfactory.

Annual licences were granted to 20 firms for the keeping of petroleum to which the Petroleum Acts apply, and to 4 firms for cellulose solution.

There are now four self-service stations, two attended, the other two unattended, and note acceptor units have been installed at three of these. With the advent of self-service greater importance is being given to the inspection and testing of the specialised equipment being installed.

GAME ACT 1831

Two licences to deal in game were granted by the Council.

HACKNEY CARRIAGES

There are three licensed hackney carriages plying for hire in the district. One hackney carriage driver's licence was renewed and one new licence issued.

RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 1964

One licence was renewed under this Act. The premises were inspected by the veterinary surgeon who is the Council's authorised Inspector under this Act and was found to be satisfactory, all statutory requirements being complied with.

BYELAWS IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT

| | Dated |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Removal of offensive matter | 1 August 1947 |
| Nuisances | 1 August 1947 |
| Offensive trades | 1 October 1947 |
| Good rule and government | 1 April 1948 |
| Hackney carriages | 1 January 1949 amended 1 June 1959 |
| Prohibiting the sale of contra- ceptives in slot machines | 25 January 1950 |
| Sale of clean food | 30 May 1950 |
| Good rule and government: | |
| Noisy conduct at night and | December 1957 |
| Parking on grass verges | |
| Deposit of litter | May 1956 |
| Hairdressers and barbers | 16 September 1963 |

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

| | Class of premises | | | | |
|--|-------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| | Offices | Retail shops | Wholesale shops ware- houses | Catering estab- lishments open to public, canteens | Fuel storage depots |
| a) No. premises newly regd. during year | 4 | 12 | 1 | 1 | - |
| b) No. regd. premises at end of year | 68 | 195 | 10 | 35 | - |
| c) No. regd. premises receiving general inspection during year | 8 | 27 | Nil | 5 | - |
| d) No. exemptions current at end of year | - | - | - | - | - |
| Space s.5(2) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Temperature s.6 | - | - | - | - | - |
| San. convs. s.9 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Washing facilities s.10 | - | - | - | - | - |
| e) No. visits of all kinds by inspector to registered premises | - | 77 | | | |
| f) Details of prosecutions during the year are set out in the table on page 22. | | | | | |

No. of persons employed:

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| Offices | 236 | Catering establishments | 122 |
| Retail shops | 710 | Canteens | 7 |
| Wholesale shops, warehouses | 42 | Fuel storage depots | - |
| Total: 1117 (475 males, 642 females) | | | |

All registered premises in Prestwich have received a general inspection.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

| <u>Acts, Byelaws or Regulations under which proceedings were instituted</u> | <u>Offence</u> | <u>Result</u> | <u>Fine</u> |
|---|--|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Food and Drugs Act 1955, s.2 | Mouldy cream dessert | Conviction | £10 |
| do. | Mouldy margarine | do. | £15 |
| Food Hygiene Regulations | Smoking whilst preparing food | do. | £7 |
| do. | Several contraventions | do. | £123 |
| do. | do. | do. | £310 |
| do. | do. | do. | £300 |
| do. | Absence of hot water | do. | Absolute discharge |
| Clean Air Act 1956 | Burning contractors' materials | do. | £25 |
| do. | do. | do. | £40 |
| do. | do. | do. | £20 |
| Public Health Act 1936, s.93 | Premises in such a state as to be a nuisance or prejudicial to health |) Order made | |
| do. | do. | | |

APPENDIX

FACTORIES ACT 1961

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR
1972 FOR THE BOROUGH OF PRESTWICH IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by public health inspectors).

| Premises (1) | No. on register (2) | Number of | | |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | Inspec- tions (3) | Written notices (4) | Occupiers prosecuted (5) |
| 1. Factories in which ss.1,2,3,4,6 are to be enforced by local authorities | - | - | - | - |
| 2. Factories not incl.in (1) in which s.7 is enforced by local authority | 58 | 8 | 2 | - |
| 3. Other premises in which s.7 is enforced by local authority (excl.outworkers' premises) | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 58 | 8 | 2 | - |

2. CASES in which DEFECTS were found. (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions, they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases".)

| Particulars | No.of cases where defects found | | | | No.of cases where prosecutions instituted |
|--|---------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| | Found | Remedied | Referred | | |
| | | | To HM Inspector | By HM Inspector | |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| Want of cleanliness s.1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Overcrowding s.2 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Unreasonable temperature s.3 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Inadequate ventilation s.4 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ineffective drainage of floors s.6 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary conveniences s.7 | | | | | |
| a) insufficient | - | - | - | - | - |
| b) unsuitable/defective | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |
| c) not separate for sexes | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other offences against the Act (not incl.offences relating to Outwork) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |

OUTWORK. Ss.110 and 111.

There are 8 registered outworkers in Prestwich, all employed in the making of Christmas decorations.

